

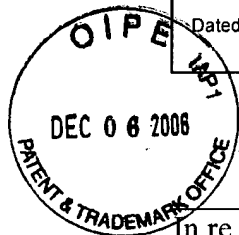
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### AMENDMENT/RCE

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 17, 2006 (Paper No. 20061016), for which a response is due on January 17, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.